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TAGS: CH, PINT, SCUL

SUBJECT: NEW PRC FILM CONNECTED WITH THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN

1. WE HAVE NOTED A FOX BUTTERFIELD (NYT) REPORT FROM CANTON ON A NEW MOVIE "THE SEETHING HILLS," WHICH WAS RECENTLY SHOWN TO CHINESE AUDIENCES IN CANTON AND TO FOREIGNERS AT THE CANTON FAIR. BUTTERFIELD REPORTS THAT THE FILM WAS RELEASED LAST WINTER, MAY HAVE BEEN SPONSORED BY CHIANG CH'ING, AND APPEARS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN.

2. ACCORDING TO BUTTERFIELD'S ACCOUNT, THE MOVIE IS SET IN 1949 AND HAS AS ITS VILLAIN A "NATIONALIST THUG" NAMED "CHOU PIAO." CHOU IS IN LEAGUE WITH A MANAGER AND TECHNICIAN, BOTH SUPPOSEDLY SENT BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO AID LOCAL WORKERS IN REOPENING A MINE SABOTAGED BY THE NATION-

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ALISTS. THE MANAGER AND TECHNICIAN INSIST ON SENDING THE

MINE'S DAMAGED MACHINERY TO A DISTANT CITY FOR REPAIR, BUT THE LOCAL MINERS, CHAMPIONING "SELF-RELIANCE," OPPOSE THIS MOVE. THE CLIMAX COMES WHEN THE MINERS, AIDED BY PLA TROOPS, AMBUSH A TRUCK IN WHICH THE TECHNICIAN IS TAKING THE EQUIPMENT TO THE CITY AND DISCOVER THE COLLUSION OF THE TECHNICIAN WITH CHOU PIAO.

3. ACCORDING TO BUTTERFIELD, THE CHINESE CHARACTERS FOR CHOU PIAO ARE THE SAME AS THOSE IN THE NAMES OF CHOU EN-LAI AND LIN PIAO, WHICH HAS OBVIOUS SIGNIFICANCE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION USLO OR CONGEN CAN DEVELOP ON THIS FILM. ROBINSON

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